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SUBJECT: SENEGALESE VISAS

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1. IN ADDITION TO EMBOFFS LISTED IN REFTEL WHO ARE REQUIRED TO TRAVEL FREQUENTLY TO OR VIA SENEGAL, WE WOULD LIKE ADD THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS AND DEPENDENTS: ROBERT AND PRISCILLA KLEIN, PAUL AND GALE ARMSTRONG, RAY LANDGREN, CHRISTINE BENNETT, AND CAROLYN FARLEY. THIS COMPLETES LIST OF ALL DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT HOLDERS.

2. MISSION OFFICERS CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SINGLE ENTRY SHORT TERM VISAS -USUALLY AFTER DELAYS. FOR EXAMPLE, ADMIN OFFICER RECEIVED A SINGLE ENTRY VISA EVEN THOUGH THE SENEGALESE EMBASSY HAD BEEN NOTIFIED THAT HE WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST TWO-ENTRY VISA FOR TRANSIT TO AND FROM YAOUNDE. DEPENDENTS OF DIPLOMATS ARE OCCASIONALLY RECEIVING MULTIPLE ENTRY THREE-MONTH VISAS, BUT THESE ARE OF LITTLE VALUE WHEN THE PRINCIPAL CANNOT TRAVEL WITH HIS FAMILY.

3. I CALLED UPON AMBASSADOR Cisse JANUARY 11. HE ASSURED ME THAT HE WAS VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE PROBLEM AND WAS SYMPATHETIC. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT HE SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF HIS TIME DURING HIS LAST CONSULTATION IN DAKAR DISCUSSING THIS MATTER. HE STATED THAT HE WAS CHASTISED FOR ISSUING A VISA (WITHOUT APPROVAL FROM
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HIS FOREIGN OFFICE) TO ONE OF OUR OFFICERS WHO WISHED TO ACCOMPANY HIS NON-FRENCHSPEAKING WIFE TO DAKAR FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT. HE ASSURED ME, HOWEVER, THAT ANY TIME I FELT I NEEDED AN EMERGENCY VISA FOR ANYONE ON THE STAFF, HE WOULD HAVE IT ISSUED IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT CONSULTING DAKAR. CURIOUSLY ENOUGH, HE INVITED ME TO CONTINUE TO PUT PRESSURE ON HIM SO THAT HE COULD CONVEY OUR CONCERN TO HIS SUPERIORS. HE ALSO SUGGESTED

THAT YOU CONTINUE TO APPLY PRESSURE AT YOUR END.

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